

## BIG EARTHQUAKES

## Overturn Mountains in Alaska.

New Islands and Peninsulas Formed and Old Ones Submerged—Phenomenon of Recent Days.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 14, via Seattle, Wash., Sept. 20.—The Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Dora, Captain Johansen, arrived from the westward last night with news of an extensive and terrible earthquake extending from Blituya Bay, 150 miles below Yakutat, 500 miles northwest into the Cook Inlet country. It was the greatest phenomenon witnessed in Alaska since a similar occurrence in the early days of the Russian traders.

After a short period of darkness the earth literally sank down into the sea and new islands and peninsulas rose up like huge leviathans showing their backs above the surface. Mountains were shaken down and their tops slid into the ocean. The whole was accompanied by several tidal waves, one of them fifteen feet high. The shocks occurred every day for a week, from Sunday, the 3d inst., to Sunday, the 10th inst., and were felt last Sunday at Juneau.

Three very hard shocks were felt here. One early in the morning and another about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the third about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Buildings were badly shaken and people ran out into the streets in their fright. There were minor tremblings all day long. The large buildings, such as the Occidental Hotel, Stannia Hospital and the church, shook and rattled like a crazy ship in a gale. No damage to property was done here or elsewhere. The mountains are all in place around Juneau. The shocks here continued steadily from thirty seconds to two minutes. A gale was blowing at the time. The earthquake seemed to be traveling south and taking plenty of time to shake up the country as it passed along.

The most severe shocks were felt at Yakutat and Kayak. At Yakutat there is a large Indian village and several traders' stores. It is headquarters for miners prospecting in that section of Alaska and up the Alsek river. Around the point of Ocean Cape, at the entrance to Yakutat Bay, is an island named Kanak. This island sank twenty feet into the sea. At high tide only the tops of the trees are visible. Huge fissures opened in the earth of the mainland and steam is said to have poured forth. Some of these fissures were three feet across. Captain Johansen says that in two minutes the ocean rose twenty feet above high tide mark and almost as quickly subsided.

The natives took to the high ground in terror, and fell on their knees beseeching the great Father to save them and their village. This high water caught up all manner of drift wood, logs, canoes, etc., and these raced back and forth and across the bay carried by strong currents which swept in every direction. When the Dora arrived at Yakutat a few days ago on the return trip the Indians had deserted their houses near the beach, and were living in tents on the high ground. They were still in great alarm.

At least thirty Yakutat Indians are now in Juneau, having deserted their homes and all their property in seeking safety in flight. A good story is told on the two Swedish missionaries at Yakutat, Rev. Mr. Johnson and Rev. Mr. Hendrickson. They wanted to leave, but the Indians would not let them go. The natives told them that the Maker of heaven and earth had his back up and was angry, and they wanted them to stay and "Skookum Wah Wah," which means big pray, to pacify the Almighty. And they had to stay.

Dr. C. W. Chamberlain of Tacoma, a dentist, who has been copper mining in the Prince William Sound country, was a passenger on the Dora. He says that at Kayak, about 175 miles west of Yakutat, the shocks were so severe that the tops of several mountains rolled and tumbled into the ocean at their base. This is a sandstone range and great clouds of dust were raised by the detachment and the slide. The Dora in running along her usual course between Yakutat and Blituya, where there has been heretofore fifty fathoms of water, stirred up the mud with her wheel. It was reported that her keel had found the bottom, but Captain Johansen denies this. He says that the stuff the Dora stirred up was as thick as cream gravy, while the water on the surface had the usual clear appearance. Captain Johansen says he feels certain there had been a violent disturbance of some kind beneath the ocean there.

## OPPOSES THE WAR.

Senator Mason of Illinois Attacks the Administration.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—In an interview today Senator Mason of Illinois said:

"On the floor of the Senate I shall continue my opposition to the war upon the Philippines. I would sooner resign my seat than treat a dog the way we are treating those people. I am ashamed of my country. People make a great mistake when they say that I am against expansion. I am not. But expansion by purchase or other honorable means is one thing; expansion by force is another. I do not believe that there was any necessity for this war upon the Philippines. I believe that if we had adopted a resolution in Congress assuring those people as we assured the Cubans, that we had no selfish designs upon them, we never would have met with any opposition in the Philippines. The fact is that we have given the Philippines every reason to distrust us and they are fighting for their own liberty.

"Talk about hauling down our flag.

Will our flag come down in Cuba? Certainly it will if we are true to our promises. And the day that it comes down will be the brightest day in our history, because it will show that we are a great, unselfish nation devoted to the eternal principles of right and honesty. If the Cubans want to be annexed later, that is another question. Why cannot we deal with the Philippines in the same way?"

## KEARSARGE'S TRIAL TRIP.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The battleship Kearsarge will leave the Brooklyn Navy Yard tomorrow morning for Boston. The vessel will be taken out of the drydock today and is now in first-class trim for her official trial, which will take place over the Cape Ann course on Monday. On Friday or Saturday a private test of the ship's powers will be made over the course by her builders. She will then be taken back to Boston, where she will take on the Government board of inspection for her official trial.

## SAMOAN AFFAIRS.

APIA (Samoa), Sept. 8.—Another month has passed and all is quiet in Samoa. The natives are in their homes, and copra-making has been in full swing. Consequently business is brisk and copra is in plenty. The provisional Government pursues its way without any trouble having arisen. Mataafa chiefs complained just before the departure to New Zealand by last down mail, through their lawyer, Mr. Cooper of New Zealand, to the provisional Government that Malletoa's party were not behaving as the Commissioners had ordered, the chief ground of complaint being that the Tanu men remained round Apia, and that Tamaese had not gone to his own village. The Consuls promised to look into the matter if Mr. Cooper put the complaint in writing, and this he promised to do.

Major Mair, after investigating claims for losses during the late disturbances by Britishers, amounting in all to about \$85,000, left by the Moana ten days ago, as did Mr. Cooper. W. Cooper, who has just returned from a visit to Mataafa, reports that the chief has almost recovered from his recent illness and that he is busily engaged in building a mausoleum for his father's bones, which he is keeping in a box in his own home. Mataafa has been the means of recovering much of the property which was stolen during the war, and he has restored it to its rightful owners.

Ex-King Tamaese was married last week to a reputed daughter of Asi, one of those deported with the late King in 1888. The bride is really a daughter of Lau (Asi's brother), who was for a long time traveling in the United States with the Samoan troupe of W. H. T. Moors a few years ago. Invitations were sent to all representative people and all sorts of nationalities attended with the exception of the Mataafa side. The ex-King is still in Apia and looks much better than when he was occupying the kingship.

The municipal Council is arranging to repair the roads and bridges damaged during the war.

A local firm has received from a London house a note for 20 shillings and other denominations for collection here. The notes are drawn on the Bank of Samoa and are elaborately engraved with Samoan scenes. There is no such concern as the Bank of Samoa and so the notes are fictitious. The ones received here are numbered as high as 1600 and it is surmised that at least this number of notes has been put into circulation. The note is signed by a person who was here over a year ago endeavoring to interest capital in a visionary coral scheme.

The war ships Torch and Commoran have returned here after a short absence. The Torch was absent on police duty and the Commoran has been out for shooting practice. The Pylades arrived here from Sydney and Apia.

The United States collier Abrenda came in yesterday from Pago Pago harbor with her coal on fire. A large number of Samoans were soon hard at work on board and the danger, which is only slight, will soon be overcome.

## Explosion on the Sherman.

Four stevedores were seriously injured by the explosion of a case of caps on the transport Sherman, the day before she sailed for this port. One of them, John Burke, died of his injuries a few hours before the transport sailed.

## "FIGHTING BOB" IN CHARGE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—It has been decided by the War, Navy and Treasury Departments that Captain Robley D. Evans shall assume general direction of the arrangements for policing the Columbia-Shamrock race course, and he will be fully empowered to exclude any vessels from the lines. The boats to be employed in this police duty will be reinforced by as many torpedo boats as can be made ready.

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## THE MAUI COURT

## Various Probate Matters Disposed of.

Final Account and Discharge of the Administrator of the Horner Estate—Other Maui Estates.

The following probate matters have been heard before Circuit Judge John W. Kaiua, of the Maui Circuit:

In the guardianship of Kukui, alias Kapi, minor son of Lono, deceased, Liliwa Kahoopal was appointed guardian of the person and property of the ward, who is insane and living in Honolulu. Bond, \$100.

In the guardianship of Samuel Kallewa, of Pala, Maui, S. Kallewa, Sr., father of the boy, was appointed guardian under bond of \$500.

In the matter of the petition of C. H. Dickey, administrator of the estate of Chas. Aug. Schneider, of Kulaha, Maui, the administrator has presented his final accounts, which was referred to the clerk as master, who recommended approving said account as follows: Receipts, \$747.86; expenditures, \$446.90; leaving a balance of \$300.96 to be paid over to the heirs of the said estate. The accounts have been approved by the Circuit Judge.

In the matter of the petition of W. L. Decoto, administrator of the estate of W. Y. Horner, of Lahaina, Maui, the administrator has filed his final accounts showing as follows: Receipts—From sale of cattle, horses, pigs, etc., \$2,510.16; cattle, pigs, horses unsold, \$3,625.68; shares in Lahaina Coffee & Fruit Co., unsold, \$70,000; total, \$76,135.82. Expenditures, \$1,507.50; balance, \$74,628.32. The final order of discharge of the administrator will be issued on his filing receipts from the heirs.

In the matter of the petition of Aug. Enos, administrator of the estate of Frank Enos, late of Kamaole, Kula, Maui, the administrator has filed his final accounts and the same have been referred to the clerk as master to examine said accounts. The administrator's account is as follows: Receipts—Cash, \$1,175.50; bills receivable, \$162; total, \$1,337.50. Expenses, \$232.72; balance, \$1,104.78. The master's report will be presented when Mr. Enos, the administrator, returns from California in a few weeks.

## THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

Shall Hawaii be Represented at the Forthcoming World's Fair.

President Dole and Minister Mott-Smith, representing the Government, and a number of gentlemen of the Chamber of Commerce and Planters' Association met in the Executive building yesterday morning to discuss the feasibility of sending a Hawaiian exhibit to the World's Fair next year.

The plan proposed is for a Hawaiian exhibit, as a whole, as a Territory, and not in connection with any other State or the railroad corporation. A commissioner will be selected to take full charge. The Government will assist by lending the necessary officials in gathering material, and the expenses, estimated at from \$10,000 to \$12,000, are to be raised by the associations, the Government guaranteeing to recommend to the next Legislature an appropriation for recouping the promoters.

No decision was reached in the matter, but after a discussion, participated in by Messrs. Dole, Mott-Smith, W. G. Irwin, Schaefer, Lowrie and Spencer, it was voted to bring the matter before the Chamber of Commerce and Planters' Association at meetings to be called for the purpose.

## Suppressing the Mosquito.

Orders issued by the Government of India to civil surgeons with entomological proclivities require them "to make collections of mosquitoes and other flies that bite men or animals, in accordance with the instructions contained in Professor Ray Lankester's pamphlet," with a view of determining the possible connection of malaria and mosquitoes. For the general destruction of mosquitoes several methods have been tried. In many places the engineer has been successful in draining the marshy areas. In others the use of kerosene, by throwing it into the water, where it forms a film on the surface, has prevented the developing larvae from reaching the air, and has thus brought about their destruction. A more recent experiment has been the employment of permanganate of potash, which is said to kill the insect in all stages of its development. As this chemical has also been largely employed for purifying the water of doubtful wells, and especially with the view of protecting against the cholera bacillus, it would seem particularly applicable for use in India.—Indian Correspondence of the London Lancet.

## FIESTA AT NOGALES.

NOGALES, ARIZ., Sept. 20.—The fiesta is now in full blast. The main game it is said lost \$5000 in the last two nights' play. Other games admit losses. Monte and roulette are attracting the heaviest play.

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